

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
January 12, 2006
Minutes**

Attendees: William Simpson, Chair, Mary Feathers, Vice Chair, Chris Kueffner, Secretary, Gary Bent, Dudley Hamlin, Martha Kelly, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa, John Thacher, Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance arrived at 8:15 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Mr. Simpson, Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded Dr. Patwa to approve the minutes of the 12/8/05 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous.

III. Hearing for Visitors – None.

IV. Communications – Mr. Edmond Chibeau, President, Southeast PTA reported to the Board about the PTA's involvement at the school and Mrs. Kim O'Keefe, Southeast PTA member, reported on the status of the new Southeast playscape.

V. Additions to Present Agenda - None.

VI. Committee Reports – Mr. Simpson reported on the first meeting of the Town Building Committee.

VII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. **Samsung Hope for Education Essay Contest Award** - Norma Fisher Doiron, Principal, and Laura Stewart, Support Services Teacher, discussed the \$20,000 award won by Mrs. Stewart for Southeast School.
- B. **Class Size/Enrollment Report** - The elementary administrators reported no significant change in class size during the month of December. Mr. Cryan reported that the Middle School has lost 6 students since the last report.
- C. **Budget, Board Review, Regular Programs/Middle and Elementary Schools** - Dr. Schimmel and Mr. Smith provided the Board with a summary of the proposed budget. The Administrators presented the Regular Instructional Program K-8 data, highlighting changes.

Mr. Bent departed at 9:00 p.m.

- D. **Personnel - MOTION** by Mr. Thacher, seconded by Ms Lin to approve the request by Barbara Yeager, Psychologist, Vinton School for unpaid childrearing leave effective April 2006 for the remainder of the school year. **VOTE:** Unanimous **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Mr. Thacher to approve with great appreciation for their work with Mansfield's children the retirement requests from Candace Bishop, pre-school teacher, Southeast School and Judy McChesney, 6th grade teacher, Mansfield Middle School effective the end of the 2005-2006 school year and from Ellen Goldberg, 3rd grade teacher, Southeast School, effective October 6, 2006. **VOTE:** Unanimous

- VIII.** Hearing for Visitors – None.
- IX.** Suggestions for Future Agenda –Mr. Simpson requested that Professional Development be added.
- X.** Adjournment
MOTION by Mr. Thacher, seconded by Dr. Patwa to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. **VOTE:**Unanimous.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk